

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 513

S. P. 203

In Senate, January 23, 1963

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Whittaker of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT to Reactivate Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the problem of the mentally retarded is of vital importance to the welfare of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the following legislation become effective immediately so that efforts may be continued to solve this problem; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded; reactivated. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a committee of 12 members, consisting of one each from the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Department of Education, the President of the Maine Association for Retarded Children and 8 representative citizens, and shall designate a chairman.

Sec. 2. Duties of the committee. The Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded shall continue the study of Maine's mentally retarded begun by the Citizens' Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded. The committee shall provide leadership and stimulation, at the state and local level, for the many organizations that are interested in the mentally retarded in Maine and shall assist in coordination of activities of public and private agencies. It shall distribute materials, provide information and furnish speakers on request.

It shall report to the Governor and members of the 102nd Legislature not later than January, 1965.

Sec. 3. Authority to appoint executive secretary and subcommittees. The Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded is authorized to appoint an executive secretary and to organize subcommittees to assist in carrying out section 2.

Sec. 4. Time of meetings, expenses. Said committee shall meet at the place designated by and at the call of the chairman, not less than 6 times during the biennium. The members shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$14,303 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964 and the sum of \$15,613 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965 to carry out the purposes of this act.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.